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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,719,516, dated January 12, 1988, issued to Nagashima;
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-76124, published March 23, 2001 together with an English language abstract;
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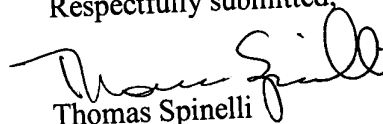

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-210251, published August 2, 2000 together with an English language abstract;
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Applicants are submitting copies of references 2-7. Reference 1 is not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003.

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